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Executive Registry

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26 October 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

THROUGH: Deputy Director (Support) *RAW* 26 OCT 1962

SUBJECT: Privacy of CIA Intelligence Traffic Transmitted by Electrical Means

REFERENCE: Memo for DDCI fr DD/S, dtd 25 Oct 1962

The referenced memorandum stated the problem of privacy of CIA Intelligence Traffic. To illustrate this problem - equipment used in many CIA Signal Centers, namely the KW-26, automatically encrypts and decrypts the traffic. When the KW-26 automatically decrypts a message, it appears in clear text form. Any person, military or State Department, having access to the KW-26 can read CIA traffic unless it is handled exclusively by CIA personnel. Frequently intelligence sources or clandestine techniques and procedures, as well as other sensitive intelligence material is contained in these cables; therefore, it is imperative that this information be limited solely to cleared CIA personnel. No one can predict whether the next message will be State, CIA, or military so all material must be received by CIA personnel. This has been working well with State. Public Law 80-253(1947), *section 6, prescribes that ". . . the Director of Central Intelligence shall be responsible for protecting intelligence sources and methods from unauthorized disclosure"

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*27 Oct '62
I have already
approved this
position as one
that is not even
open for negotiation!*

*changed per OGC

Att-Ref Memo

Director of Communications

CONCURRENCE:

(EXECUTIVE REGISTRY FILE *Communications*)

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A Deputy Director (Plans)

26 Oct 62
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General Counsel

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MEMORANDUM FOR: General Carter

SUBJECT : Communications

1. As you know, Mr. Orrick, Deputy Under Secretary of State for Administration, was appointed yesterday to chair a committee to plan for a unified communications system at the national level to serve the needs of all users. [] is working full time with this committee and a number of other people from the Office of Communications are also involved. [] and I instructed [] to insist that, while we were all in favor of a unified system of which we would be a part, the integrity and privacy of CIA communications must be maintained.

2. [] telephoned me this afternoon to say that this question was very much on the front burner. Mr. Orrick, who incidentally is not a communicator, thought that this was utter nonsense and was quite insistent that [] give in on this point. [] quite properly took the position that this question was not negotiable and that, if Mr. Orrick wished to pursue it, it would have to be at some higher level. Mr. Orrick implied that he thought this matter should be brought to the attention of the President and that the committee's work would be impeded until a decision was made. In view of the fact that the committee is supposed to finish its work by 1300 hours tomorrow, 26 October, it is entirely possible that Mr. Orrick may take this up with the President and that the Director may be confronted with the problem.

3. I have advised [] that his action was entirely proper and that we should make no compromise whatever.

DD/S:LKW:sbo

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L. K. White

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